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## SCHOLARSHIP Hwards Geremony



## Wednesday April 12, 2023

Celebrate deserving students whose dreams of a better future become closer through scholarships







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Welcome to a very special occasion...our 29th Annual Miramar College Foundation Scholarship Program.

Many faculty, staff, industry partners and friends, through their generosity, have helped us open the doors to a world of opportunities for San Diego Miramar College students. This afternoon, we're celebrating deserving students who will benefit from scholarships sponsored by awards from several Foundations, organizations, individuals and external agencies. Congratulations to all recipients!

The Scholarship Awards Ceremony is one of the major events of the Miramar College Foundation. College, community and industry representatives have dedicated time, talent and resources throughout the year to ensure deserving students will be selected and awarded with various scholarships. On behalf of our faculty, staff and students, we would like to personally extend our most sincere appreciation to each of them for their extraordinary support.

As well, we would like to thank all the generous and caring donors who make this event possible. This afternoon's donors and Scholarship sponsors represent a commitment to the educational success of San Diego Miramar College students.

**Enjoy this day of celebration!** 

Dr. Wesley Lundburg, President San Diego Miramar College

Wes Lundburg

Sarah Yang, President Miramar College Foundation



### **AGENDA**

1:00pm......Check-in

2:00pm......Scholarship Awards

**Welcome Remarks** 

**Steve Quis, Emcee** 

PIO, San Diego Miramar College

**Dr. Wesley Lundburg** 

President, San Diego Miramar College

**Dr. Maria Nieto Senour** 

President, Board of Trustees, San Diego Community College District

**Donor Recognitions** 

**Big Check Presentation** 

**Student Testimonials** 

Awards

4:00pm......Light Refreshments

Thanks to all Donors & Scholarship Sponsors

Thank You for sharing this day of student celebration with us!

## Scholarships

#### ACADEMIC SENATE SCHOLARSHIP

The Academic Senate Scholarship is made possible by the faculty of San Diego Miramar College. To assist students, the Senate established this scholarship awarded each year.

Lora Anastasia **Andres Geurts-Barreto**  Anastasia Egoudine **Joseph Greaney** 

#### AFT LARRY SCHWARTZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship fund was established by the faculty members of American Federations of Teachers of the San Diego Community College District to honor the memory and contributions to education and the union to Larry Schwartz (1932-1995): history professor, labor organizer, a founder and long-time president of the AFT and political activist. It is awarded to members, former members, or children of members of a union who are pursuing their education.

Makisha Jackson

**Jakob Miling** 

#### ANNETTE BENING PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP

The San Diego Promise is an initiative that provides tuitionfree education and other support for deserving students. The Annette Bening Promise Scholarship is named for an alumna of Mesa College who has had a successful career in film and theatre, and who supports the education of students at all campuses of the San Diego Community College District. This scholarship is awarded to a continuing student who has made a full-time commitment to his/her studies, excels academically, and is dedicated to service

**Sydney Abanes** 

#### ASSOCIATED STUDENT **GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP**

The San Diego Miramar College Associated Student Government established this award to recognize club members who have made significant contributions to the college and/or surrounding community.

Academic Cade Miller Hardship **Emily Arnold** 

Creative

Leadership

Anisia Dumitrascu

Anastasia Egoudine

#### BERNARD OSHER FOUNDATION **SCHOLARSHIP**

Thanks to the generosity of The Bernard Osher Foundation and matching funds from other agencies, the following students received a Bernard Osher Scholarship this year as part of the California Community Colleges Scholarship Endowment. Mr. Osher's vision is to invest in community college students to "not only benefit the community college students of today but countless more for years to come."

Ahmed Abdullahi **Carl Barcelona** Linda Bucio Nadja Cox **Ferazhin Ensley Calvin Hill** Seved Hosseini Naghmeh Illbegi Teymouri Fernando Lopez Saldana **Bilal Mohammad Nicholas Palos Gabrielle Paule Bertha Ramirez** Jade Rochin Veronica Rodriguez

**Amine Taileb** Maria Thomas

Paul Lai

**Ariell Johnson** 

#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES SCHOLARSHIP

Made possible by The Board of Directors of the Scott A. and Elizabeth V. Christensen Charitable Foundation. The Christensen Foundation wish to provide funding for students in career/technical education programs. This scholarship supports students who have vocational and workforce goals and who can benefit from support that will enable them to pursue job opportunities in the San Diego Region.

Sebastian Buritica — Automotive Reuben Calas — Fire Technology **Victor Corrales** — Aviation Tameron Davis — Automotive Sebastian Garcia — Automotive Kevin Nicacio — Automotive **Prote Nyembo**—Aviation Sean Smith — Fire Technology Luis Torres — Automotive Emiliano Ulloa — Automotive



#### CAL COAST CREDIT UNION SCHOLARSHIP

California Coast Credit Union has been serving the educational community for over 90 years, including the San Diego Community College District. Through their generosity, four high achieving students at Miramar College are awarded this scholarship each year.

Spring 2023 Fall 2023

Jon Clayton Michael Batchelor Andres Geurts-Barreto Veronica Gil Jacob Miller Johan Labrana

Reyn Nishii

#### CATERPILLAR/HAWTHORNE SCHOLARSHIP

Five students have been awarded scholarships from the Caterpillar Dealer Excellence Fund. This fund is comprised of equal donations from the Hawthorne Machinery Company (the local Caterpillar dealer) and Caterpillar Foundation.

David Barrios-Diaz
Brandon Brandt
Comar Castellanos
Antonio Fonseca
Kyle Hackett
Armando Jurado
Angel Lopez

Jake Maheu
Kasey Novarino
Andrew Pastrana
Lorena Penaloza
Kian Perez
Cristian Trasandes

#### CHANCELLOR'S AWARD SCHOLARSHIP

Through the generosity of the San Diego Community College District Chancellor, Carlos O. Turner Cortez, this scholarship recognizes a student for academic excellence and leadership.

Lauren Spellerberg

#### CHARLES W. PATRICK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established in memory of the first Chancellor of the San Diego Community College District. Charles W. Patrick was a great leader who helped build the District, one building at a time. His efforts enabled the District to best serve the community's educational needs.

Mohamad Badr Paul Lai

## DANIEL SCHMIDT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was made possible by the Schmidt family in honor of their son, Daniel.

Tameron Davis Chika Starks
Maya Hossaini Mauvin Syed
Akili Ploudre Tai Vang
Tanner Spry James Ye

### ERICA SELENE CORTEZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established in memory of Erica's happy pursuit of her Automotive Technology certificate. It is funded by the Mann/Cortez family to help deserving students in the Automotive Technology program pursue their career.

Lorena Penaloza Robert Sasser

#### GAYE DINGEMAN FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was made possible by the contributions of Robert E. Dingeman and Gaye M. Dingeman Trust.

Sean Smith

#### HONORS SCHOLARSHIP

The generosity of the San Diego Miramar College President has made this scholarship possible. Scholarship winners are from both the Honors Program and Phi Theta Kappa for 2022- 2023.

Trevor Callow Jana Holloway
Gregory Doss Sonya Shafir

**Brandy Harvey** 

#### I LOVE ENGLISH SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was made possible by the contribution of Clara Blenis, Professor of English/ESOL, to help support Miramar College Basic Skills English students as they diligently pursue any field of study.

Mohamad Badr

Fernando Lopez Saldana

## IN MEMORY OF GEORGE F. DOWD SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is dedicated to George F. Dowd, who retired from the Navy having served in the U.S. Army during World War II (1942-1950) in the European front including Normandy, France. He was honorably discharged from the Army in order to enlist into the U.S. Navy, where he served until his discharge (honorable) from the Navy in 1970. While in the Navy he was an Aviation Machinist serving in the Pacific until his retirement in 1970 in San Diego. This contribution is made possible by Dr. Bonnie Ann Dowd, Executive Vice Chancellor for Business and Technology Services for the San Diego Community College District.

Joseph Greaney

## Scholarships \* \* \*\*\*

#### **JULIANNE EISER PARALEGAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Through the contributions from the Eiser family, this scholarship is awarded each year to students pursuing a career in the paralegal profession.

Rosie Elmange

Reyn Nishii

#### LGBTQ+ STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is awarded to a Miramar student in the LGBTQ+ community. It is sponsored by Miramar College's LGBTQ+ Alliance, a cross-campus organization of faculty, classified professionals, administrators, and students.

**Ivy Wilson** 

#### MCKEE FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

Made possible by contributions from the McKee family, this scholarship is for a deserving foster youth student who displays time and talents by volunteering and helping others.

**Brandy Harvey** 

#### MIRAMAR BUSINESS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded for academic excellence in the study of business and demonstrating a personal commitment to community service. This scholarship is made possible Professor David Wilhelm.

**Jaydon Eppinette** 

#### MIRAMAR COLLEGE FOUNDATION— FRESHMAN SCHOLARSHIP

The Board of Directors of the Miramar College Foundation has established scholarships for deserving students graduating from area high schools who intend to enroll at San Diego Miramar College in the fall. These scholarships are funded by donations from faculty, staff and administrators, as well as business and community members.

Canyon Hills High Ashley Arce Alana Bjyrd

Keren Diaz Mira Mesa High Ivonne Cisneros-Santana

Ashley Joy Ravarra Jenise Vazquez

Scripps Ranch High Taha Baig Kai Dorian-Riley Ryan Vogt Twain-Mesa High Jayla Casey Toya Ogata Nancy Pedro

University City High Kaiden Baldridge Youshe Khazraei Angella Nguyen

#### MIRAMAR COLLEGE FOUNDATION/ OSHER SCHOLARSHIP

The Board of Directors of the Miramar College Foundation awards three scholarships to assist students to reach their fullest academic potential. These scholarships are funded by matching funds from the Bernard Osher Foundation, donations from San Diego Miramar College faculty, staff and administrators, as well as business and community members.

Jude Cabral

Ali Mohammadiasl

**Kathy Tran** 

#### MIRAMAR FIRE ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIP

The Miramar Fire Academy Scholarship made possible by contributions from SD Firefighter Emerald Society, and Martin Walsh. This is to help Fire Technology students with their educational expenses.

**Ruben Calas** 

Tristian Waterhouse

#### MIRAMAR MANAGERS SCHOLARSHIP

Managers at Miramar College and the SDCCD have pledged funds to create this scholarship for one student who demonstrates commitment to academic success and to the betterment of their school/community.

Sydney Hang

Dylan Nguyen

#### Peggy Gray Spanninga Transfer Scholarship

Peggy Gray Transfer Scholarship is a contribution from the Spanninga Fund of the Jewish Community Foundation. The scholarship is intended for financially needy students who have demonstrated they want to help themselves by working while attending college. Eligible students must be transferring to a California public four-year institution and demonstrate financial need.

Blanca Castro Zazueta

Paul Lai

Julie Clemmons

Fernando Lopez Saldana

Nicolas Del Guidice-Piña Veronica Gil Tricia Gutierrez Brandy Harvey Calvin Hill Reyn Nishii Daniel Porter Neal Ruiz Robert Sasser Chika Starks



## PHI THETA KAPPA PRESIDENT'S FEE WAIVER

This scholarship recognizes academic excellence and commitment to community service in 2022-2023.

Michelle Gutierrez Paul Lai
Calvin Hill David Merino

### POWAY VETERANS ORGANIZATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Poway Veterans Organization is a group of veterans that are committed to providing various types of assistance to veterans and their families that reside in Poway, Ramona, and surrounding areas. This scholarship will provide financial assistance to military veteran students attending San Diego Miramar College.

Neal Ruiz Hailey Zema

#### PRESIDENT'S AWARD SCHOLARSHIP

Through the generosity of the San Diego Miramar College President, this scholarship assists students with financial need who demonstrates a strong commitment to achieving academic excellence with the assistance of student support services at San Diego Miramar College.

Anh Huy Nguyen James Ye

#### RETURN TO LEARN

This scholarship is made possible by San Diego Miramar President, Dr. Wesley Lundburg. President Lundburg's family wanted to create a scholarship to empower those who have overcome personal obstacles in their lives and yet are still able to stay focused in school. These funds welcome all individuals who are continuing with their life goals and are pursuing an education to assist them in developing skills to increase their future work opportunities to better support their families, despite the challenges that have endured.

Lorenzo Berona Maria Romero

#### RICHARD AND ELOISE Johnston Scholarship

Richard Johnston was a trustee of the San Diego Community College District from its inception in December 1973 through December 1998.

**Mariyam Ghaziany** 

## SDCCD MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

The San Diego Community College District Management Association's main objectives and purposes are to advance the cost of education and to establish a mutually beneficial relationship for its members. Members of this association include present and retired managers of the District. The SDCCD Management Association contributes the funds for this scholarship in order to enable students to continue their education.

Lorenzo Berona

#### SDG&E SAFE SD INITIATIVE

Fire Technology Scholarship

Made possible by the SDG&E SAFE San Diego Initiative. This scholarship is funded for Miramar College Fire Technology students to use to cover expenses for the Firefighter I Exam provided in the FIPT 381G course and State Fire Training Fees for Certifications earned in the Fire Academy.

Reuben Calas Evencio Morales
Madison Draper Seth Roden
Jesus Garcia Almaraz Sabira Sawari
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#### SDG&E VETS-2-JETS SCHOLARSHIP

Funded with generous donations from San Diego Gas & Electric, the San Diego Miramar College Vets-2-Jets project provides a supportive service to Veteran students with service-connected disabilities. Since its inception in 2013, SDG&E has contributed more than \$102,500 in support to the San Diego Miramar College Jets-2-Vets project.

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## Scholarships \* \* \*\*\*

### SHARRON BIDWELL-WARREN WOMEN IN SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is made possible through the donation of the Warren and Mojica families in loving memory of Sharron Bidwell-Warren. It is intended to support deserving female students at San Diego Miramar College, pursuing a degree in the field of Natural Science.

**Elham Shamloufard** 

#### SI SE PUEDE, LA FAMILIA MENCHACA SCHOLARSHIP

La Familia Menchaca - Si Se Puede scholarship was provided by Dr. Sabrina Menchaca and her family have supported this scholarship as reminder to those that applied that our Cultural Identity, although at times can be experienced as an adversity in our lives, it can indeed become our strength, "Si Se Puede!"

**Andres Geurts-Barreto** 

Veronica Gil

#### THE CAVA FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

As a former Miramar College graduate, Miramar College employee, Lily Cava, makes this scholarship possible to recognize students who have experienced obstacles as the first member of their family to pursue a college education. This scholarship is to recognize students who are determined to accomplish their college education and have an alternative plan if they are unsuccessful.

**Ruth Camargo Rochin** 

**Kevin Nicacio** 

## THE CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER SCOTT ALLAN YOUNG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

In memory of our dear friend Scott Young, who believed that furthering an education was an important step in one's journey. This scholarship was made possible by a group of his closest friends who wanted to make an impact on someone's future and at the same time honor their friend who deeply loved his family, friends and country.

Reyn Nishii

## THE JOE LIM AND QUON SHEE WONG SCHOLARSHIP

Fire Technology

Edward G. Wong establishes this scholarship in the names of Joe Lim and Quon Shee Wong because of his desire to help persons attain a college education with a financial boost and in gratitude for their long and supporting friendship.

Tai Vang

#### TOM MECCIA (AS IN NICE TO HAVE MET CHA) MIRAMAR COLLEGE LIBRARY SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is offered in the memory of library staff member, Tom Meccia (as in nice to have Met Cha!). Tom cared deeply for his fellow staff members and the students he served. This scholarship is intended to support San Diego Miramar College students to further their academic adventures.

**Emily Arnold** 

#### SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENTS— EXTERNAL AWARDS

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The purpose of the Foundation is to provide a channel for financial and other contributions to directly benefit Miramar College students. The Foundation Board of Directors pursues

industry, community and individual support for Foundation and college fundraising activities.

For more information on the Miramar College Foundation or on ways you can help future students reach their educational goals through charitable contributions and college partnerships, please visit sdmiramar.edu/foundation.

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